Central Legislation on medical admissions

*64. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that at present there is no Central Legislation regarding medical admissions;

(b) if so, whether Government have any proposal to frame such a law;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS): (a) to (d) There is no Central Legislation at present with regard to admissions in courses of medicines. Presently, the policy with regard to admission in medical institutions, other than those under the control of the Central Government, is determined by the respective State Governments. Further, the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India has issued various directions with regard to admissions and charging of fee in the medical institutions, contained in its judgments dated 31.10.2002 in the T.M.A. Pai Foundation case and dated 14.8.2003 in the case of Islamic Academy of Education.

Pursuant to the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 31.10.2002 in the T.M.A. Pai Foundation case, the Central Government had issued broad policy guidelines dated 14.5.2003 to the State Governments and the Universities in the matter of admission and charging of fee by the private unaided medical and dental institutions. The Central Government has also decided to frame an appropriate legislation in this regard after eliciting the views of the concerned Departments and the stakeholders.

Reproductive and Child Health Programme

†*65. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Reproductive and Child Health Programme (RCH-I) is in operation;

(b) whether Government propose to extend this programme for the coming years;

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